



## RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU LIFEGUARDS' COVERAGE OF OAHU BEACHES.

WHEREAS, millions of Oahu residents and visitors enjoy the beautiful beaches along the City's nearly 200 miles of coastline; and

WHEREAS, swimming, surfing, snorkeling, diving and kayaking are popular beach activities for these residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, according to the State Department of Health, EMS and Injury Prevention Systems Branch, the number of ocean drownings has increased in recent years, and such drownings are the fifth most common cause of fatalities in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Emergency Services Department, Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division (Ocean Safety), maintains a staff of approximately 200 full-time and part-time lifeguards, who are stationed at 29 beaches across the island of Oahu; and

WHEREAS, generally lifeguards are stationed at the 29 beaches between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., with those hours changing depending upon ocean conditions; and

WHEREAS, Ocean Safety divides the island of Oahu into four operational districts: South Shore (Pearl Harbor entrance to Maunalua Bay), Windward (Maunalua Bay to Mokapu Peninsula (Kailua side)), North Shore (Mokapu Peninsula (Kaneohe side) to Kaena Point) and Leeward (Kaena Point to Pearl Harbor entrance), with the Leeward district being the largest geographical district; and

WHEREAS, because the winter season in Hawaii results in large, dangerous high surf, particularly for north and west facing shores, which often prompts an increase in lifeguard shifts to provide the necessary coverage during dangerous ocean conditions, the need for additional lifeguard coverage becomes even more crucial; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it strongly urges the City Administration to extend the hours of City lifeguards' coverage of Oahu beaches and to seek the necessary funding for such extended coverage in the Fiscal Year 2017 and subsequent years' operating budgets; and



**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. **16-43, CD1**

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the City Administration, during the current ongoing collective bargaining process, to negotiate with the HGEA and the State for extended City lifeguard coverage of Oahu beaches; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Honolulu Emergency Services Department, the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Governor and Ms. Jackie Ferguson-Miyamoto, President of HGEA at 888 Mililani Street, Suite 401, Honolulu, HI 96813.

INTRODUCED BY:

Kymberly Marcos Pine

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

February 23, 2016  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
C E R T I F I C A T E

**RESOLUTION 16-43, CD1**

Introduced: 02/23/16

By: KYMBERLY PINE


Committee: PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY &  
WELFARE

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF CITY AND COUNTY  
OF HONOLULU LIFEGUARDS' COVERAGE OF OAHU BEACHES.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

03/01/16	PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE	CR-62 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM.
03/16/16	COUNCIL	CR-62 AND RESOLUTION 16-43, CD1 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION

  
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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER